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Permanent memorial to and remembrance of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade: status of the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial

Report of the Secretary-General

I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 14 of its resolution 66/114, the General Assembly requested the United Nations Office for Partnerships, through the Secretary-General, to submit a comprehensive report to the Assembly at its sixty-seventh session on the status of the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial, established with a view to implementing the initiative to erect a permanent memorial in honour of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade.

2. The present report is submitted pursuant to that request.

II. Status of the Trust Fund

3. As at 30 June 2012, a total of $1,312,304 had been recorded as income received under the United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial, including voluntary contributions from Member States amounting to $1,143,389 and public and private donations totalling $108,562. The breakdown of the contributions received is provided in the annex to the present report. With respect to expenditures charged to the Trust Fund, it may be noted that an amount of $171,000 has been utilized, mostly for a grant made to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) ($91,000) in connection with the international design competition for the permanent memorial, and for

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contractual services ($69,328). The Fund had an unspent balance of $1,141,304 as at 30 June 2012.

4. In keeping with the intention of the General Assembly expressed in its resolutions 64/15 and 65/239, the Committee of interested States established to oversee the permanent memorial project (Permanent Memorial Committee) and the United Nations have jointly collaborated with UNESCO to launch an international design competition for the permanent memorial, in view of the considerable experience of UNESCO with the Slave Route Project and international competitions and its worldwide presence through its network of field offices and national commissions. In accordance with a tripartite memorandum of understanding and project document, UNESCO has implemented the first phase of the competition by providing shortlisted designs from a number of proposals received globally. The Permanent Memorial Committee is taking the next steps with respect to the selection of the winning design on the basis of the recommendation of an international panel of judges. It is anticipated that, as agreed by the Member States, a sum of $50,000 will be awarded to the winning design at the conclusion of the competition. All expenses relating to the competition are covered by the Trust Fund.

5. The Permanent Memorial Committee is continuing its efforts to raise additional contributions from Member States, the corporate sector, philanthropists and other private individuals. The annual concert organized by the Department of Public Information as part of the commemorative events in honour of the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade was used in 2012 as an occasion to raise awareness of and funds for the permanent memorial. The Committee is committed to ensuring that voluntary funds received from Member States are earmarked for tangible aspects of the project, including the international design competition and the construction of the monument, unless otherwise authorized by the Member States. The United Nations Office for Partnerships has administered the Trust Fund accordingly.

Annex

United Nations Trust Fund for Partnerships — Permanent Memorial: contributions received as at 15 June 2012

(United States dollars)

Donor	*Amount*
Afghanistan	1 000
Antigua and Barbuda	7 500
Argentina	10 000
Australia	150 000
Azerbaijan	25 000
Bahamas	7 500
Barbados	10 000
Belgium	6 267
Belize	2 000
Bhutan	1 000
Botswana	10 000
Brazil	20 000
Canada	19 342
Chile	5 000
China	20 000
Costa Rica	5 000
Denmark	10 000
Ecuador	5 000
Egypt	5 000
Finland	75 000
Guyana	5 000
Haiti	15 000
Honduras	2 000
Iceland	1 000
India	260 000
Indonesia	500
Israel	20 000
Jamaica	7 500
Kuwait	20 000
Libya	20 000
Luxembourg	55 021
Malaysia	10 000
Malta	500
Mauritius	5 000
Monaco	6 564

Donor	*Amount*
Mozambique (Southern African Development Community Group of Ambassadors)	2 500
Namibia	2 000
Netherlands	14 588
New Zealand	10 000
Nicaragua	500
Oman	9 978
Pakistan	25 000
Portugal	32 782
Qatar	20 000
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 000
Saint Lucia	600
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	5 000.
Saudi Arabia	10 000
Slovenia	11 818
South Africa	55 563
Spain	44 615
Sri Lanka	500
Sudan	1 000
Suriname	10 000
Syrian Arab Republic	1 000
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	500
Togo	175
Trinidad and Tobago	10 000
Turkey	17 500
United Arab Emirates	5 000
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	29 076
Subtotal, Member State donations	**1 143 389**
Ford Foundation	75 000
Private donors	33 562
Subtotal, public/private donations	**108 562**
Interest income	31 904
Other miscellaneous income	28 449
Total	**1 312 304**